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1. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, below is some information from FEMA regarding being prepared for winter storms. For more information, visit [FEMA.gov](#).

- **Follow the direction of local officials** -- If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- **Know the forecast in your area** -- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio and your local news for severe weather updates, warnings and watches. Follow your forecast at [weather.gov](#) on your computer or [mobile.weather.gov](#) on your phone.
- **Turn around, don't drown** -- The potential for heavy rains can also lead to flooding, or flash flooding in some areas. Driving through a flooded area can be extremely hazardous.
- **Make final preparations** -- If you're further inland, now is the time to make final preparations. Visit [ready.gov](#) and be ready for power outages and stock up on emergency supplies of food, water, medications, and other supplies.
- **Check on your neighbor** -- Make sure they're ready, too.
- **Finding shelters** -- Download the Red Cross Hurricane app ([redcross.org/mobile-apps/hurricane-app](#)), visit [redcross.org/find-help/shelter](#), or check your local media outlets. You should also register on [redcross.org/safeandwell](#), a secure and easy-to-use online tool that helps families connect during emergencies. Finally, you can download the FEMA smartphone app ([fema.gov/smartphone-app](#)) or text SHELTER and your Zip Code to 43362 (4FEMA). Standard rates apply.
- **Donate blood** -- If you don't live in an affected area, please consider donating blood, because numerous blood drives have been canceled as a result of the

storm. To schedule a blood donation or for more information about giving blood or platelets, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS ([1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767)).

2. **November is National Native American Heritage Month.** The 2012 Native American Heritage Month Presidential Proclamation attached. Visit <http://www.aianheritagemonth.org/> for news, articles, and events related to Native American Heritage Month.
3. **NAHASDA Formula NegReg Committee: Request for Nominations.** Negotiated rulemaking for the purpose of developing regulatory changes to the funding formula for the Indian Housing Block Grant program authorized by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. The link below explains how persons may be nominated to serve as members on the negotiated rulemaking committee. Deadline to submit nominations is **November 19, 2012**. Visit: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-18/pdf/2012-22986.pdf>
4. **Commerce Increasing Weatherization Outreach to Native Americans.** The Washington State Department of Commerce is increasing the focus on delivering weatherization services to Native Americans. Weatherization providers are required to develop Native American Outreach Plans that demonstrate their coordination with local tribes and organization serving Native Americans. Any tribal leader, organization, or tribal member wishing to initiate contact with weatherization services may contact Donn Falconer, Commerce Weatherization Tribal, at [donn.falconer@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:donn.falconer@commerce.wa.gov) or (360) 725-2981.
  - The THAT Energy newsletter (attached) includes: articles on holiday energy savings, peer-to-peer training, weatherization coordinators contact, manufactured homes weatherization, and community action agency contacts
5. **Fair Market Rents for FY 2013** were published Friday, October 5, 2012. The rents as well as the information documentation on the calculation of the rents can be found at: <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html>
6. **Congratulations, John Williamson!** On October 16, 2012, the Washington State Housing Finance Commission recognized exceptional individuals positively impacting affordable housing across Washington state during its Friend of Housing Award luncheon at the Annual Housing Washington Conference in Tacoma. John Williamson, Executive Director of the Lower Elwha Housing Authority was one of only six awardees recognized.
7. **UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES:** New items posted on our [Calendar of Events](#)

**NAIHC/USDA Roundtable Discussion on Partnering Strategies**, November 7, Webinar, noon PST

Webinar for USDA RD and TDHE staff to strengthen the tribal/federal partnership to provide affordable housing. The end goal is to examine and discuss recommendations to improve the collaboration between tribal housing programs and USDA-Rural Development. Register in advance at:

<http://naihc.net/index.php/home/indian-housing-webinar-discussion-series>

Phone bridge: 1.800.981.3173

LiveMeeting link:

[https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/usda/join?id=7SBPCB&role=attend&pw=zx%24\\*3D%23MS](https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/usda/join?id=7SBPCB&role=attend&pw=zx%24*3D%23MS)

**Grant Writing Essentials**, November 7, Webinar, 11am PST

Native Learning Center offers this Tuition Free Training. Register at

<https://www.kerretvonline.com/login/index.php> .

**NAHASDA Essentials**, November 13-15, Anchorage, AK

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act. See attached flyer.

<http://registration.firstpic.org/onapEssentials/index.php>

**Annual Tribal Energy Program Review**, November 13-16, Denver, CO

The Tribal Energy Program Review will provide an overview of the wide range of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects under way in Indian Country. The annual gathering provides Tribes an opportunity to network, report on their energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and learn from the experience of other tribes pursuing similar projects.

Register at: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/register\\_meeting.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/register_meeting.cfm)

**Drugs of Abuse: Identification and Abatement in Tribal Housing Communities**,

November 14-15, Scottsdale, AZ

NAIHC sponsored course provides participants with the vital recognition of substance abuse such as methamphetamine, prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, synthetic drugs, and heroin.

Register at:

[http://naihc.net/index.php/training/course/drugs\\_of\\_abuse\\_phoenix\\_2012](http://naihc.net/index.php/training/course/drugs_of_abuse_phoenix_2012)

**Building Sustainable Community Youth Organizations in Indian Country**, November 14-15, Albuquerque, NM

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the feasibility of starting, promoting, and sustaining youth development programs in Indian Country. See attached flyer.

<http://registration.firstpic.org>

**Radon, Weatherization & Indoor Air Quality Training**, November 27-29, Wellpinit, WA

Workshop on radon and indoor air quality for single family and multifamily remodels and new homes.

Topics will include: Radon Resistant New Construction, Codes and Specifications, Crawlspace and Concrete Slab Mitigation, Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality, Energy Efficiency and Weatherization. Join Rich Prill and Luke Howard from the WSU Energy Extension Program as well as staff from EPA Indoor Environments Division.

Contact: Twa-le Abrahamson, 509-626-4403, [twalea@spokanetribe.com](mailto:twalea@spokanetribe.com)

**Sustainable Construction in Indian Country**, November 27-29, Hogansburg, NY

ONAP sponsored free training on benefits of sustainable construction: control over energy costs, more durable and healthy housing, and a lighter environmental footprint. Learn how can you move from an inefficient home to having an overall energy-efficient, sustainable housing stock. Flyer attached.

<http://registration.firstpic.org>

**Housing Board Training**, November 28-29, San Antonio, TX

NAIHC sponsored course designed for those who sit on tribal housing boards/housing committees and/or tribal council members charged with overseeing their housing programs.

Register at:

[http://naihc.net/index.php/training/course/housing\\_board\\_training\\_san\\_antonio\\_tx\\_2012](http://naihc.net/index.php/training/course/housing_board_training_san_antonio_tx_2012)

**Grant Research and Proposal Writing in Indian Country**, December 3-5, Lake Buena Vista, FL

Native Learning Center sponsored grant writing course.

Register at: <http://nativelearningcenter.com/>

**Building Sustainable Community Youth Organizations in Indian Country**, December 3-4, Oklahoma City, OK

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the feasibility of starting, promoting, and sustaining youth development programs in Indian Country. See attached flyer.

<http://registration.firstpic.org>

**HUD Green Academy Training**, December 4-7, San Francisco, CA

Multi course training including, Intro to Green Building, Executive Decision Making, Green Building Operations, Financing Green Building, and Energy Performance Contracting. Flyer attached. Registration at [www.sustainable-performance.org/HUDGreenAcad](http://www.sustainable-performance.org/HUDGreenAcad). Additional sessions:

- December 10-14, Salt Lake City, UT and Newark, NJ
- January 14-18, Hartford, CT, Columbus, OH, and Houston, TX
- January 28- February 1, Los Angeles, CA and Albuquerque, NM
- February 4-8, Boise, ID and New York, NY
- February 11-15, Bozeman, MT

**IHP/APR Training, December 4-6, Seattle, WA**

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the Indian Housing Plan (IHP)/Annual Performance Report (APR). Step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the newly combined IHP/APR form. In addition to a walk-through of the new automated form, participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. See attached flyer. <http://registration.firstpic.org>

**Environmental Review, December 4-7, Albuquerque, NM**

ONAP sponsored training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review process. See attached flyer.  
<http://registration.firstpic.org/onapEnvReview/index.php>

**2012 National Rural Housing Conference, December 5-7, Washington DC**

Housing Assistance Council (HAC) National Rural Housing Conference is a gathering of stakeholders interested in affordable housing in rural America. Pre-conference Native American Stakeholder meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> with HUD-Office of Native American Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, USDA, U.S. Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Fund, National American Indian Housing Council, First Nations Oweesta Corporation, NeighborWorks America, and Enterprise Community Partners.  
<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1128611>

**Greener Homes Regional Training and Sustainable Construction, December 11-13, Oklahoma City, OK**

ONAP sponsored free training session on green buildings performance- data monitoring and collecting, and cost benefit analysis. Session will also introduce the grid tied net zero energy home, rainwater gardens and collection, alternative renewable energy technologies, and key energy cost reduction measures for upgrading inefficient buildings. Flyer attached. <http://registration.firstpic.org>

**IHP/APR Training, January 8-11, Phoenix, AZ**

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the Indian Housing Plan (IHP)/Annual Performance Report (APR). Step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the newly combined IHP/APR form. In addition to a walk-through of the new automated form, participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. See attached flyer. <http://registration.firstpic.org>

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**IHP/APR Training, January 15-17, Oklahoma City, OK**

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the Indian Housing Plan (IHP)/Annual Performance Report (APR). Step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the newly combined IHP/APR form. In addition to a walk-through of the new automated form, participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. See attached flyer. <http://registration.firstpic.org>

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<http://registration.firstpic.org>

**Environmental Review, February 26- March 1, Oklahoma City, OK**

ONAP sponsored training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review process. See attached flyer.

<http://registration.firstpic.org/onapEnvReview/index.php>

**NAHASDA Essentials, March 5-7, Denver, CO**

HUD ONAP sponsored free training on the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act.

See attached flyer. <http://registration.firstpic.org/onapEssentials/index.php>

**8. FUNDING AVAILABILITY:**

**Innovative Native VITA Site Programs (First Nations Development Institute)**

Deadline: November 9, 2012

Grant support to three organizations for building or expanding Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Native American communities that offer asset-building models, links to benefits programs, or connections to savings programs.

[http://firstnations.org/grant\\_seekers/vita](http://firstnations.org/grant_seekers/vita)

**Green Affordable Housing Technical Assistance (HUD)**

Deadline: November 16, 2012

Direct technical assistance to HUD stakeholders to incorporate green building and energy efficiency practices in their daily operations and maintenance, new construction, rehabilitation, and retrofit projects. General categories: Diagnostic Assessments/Measurement & Verification; Green Design, Specifications/Construction Review; Green Operations and Management (O&M); Energy Performance Contracting; Financing; and Renewable Energy. See attached flyer for more details.  
<http://spi.force.com/hud>

#### **Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (USDA)**

Deadline: November 28, 2012

Creating food systems in disadvantaged neighborhoods in urban and rural areas. Community Food Projects should be designed to meet the food needs of low-income people; increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs; and promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues; and/or meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agriculture needs for infrastructure improvement and development; planning for long-term solutions; or the creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumer.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=204114>

#### **Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (National Endowment for the Humanities)**

Deadline: December 4, 2012

Grants to help cultural repositories plan and implement preservation strategies that balance effectiveness, cost, and environmental impact. Projects should be designed to be as cost effective, energy efficient, and environmentally sensitive as possible, and they should aim to mitigate the greatest risks to collections rather than to meet prescriptive targets.

#### **Our Town (National Endowment for the Arts)**

Deadline: January 14, 2013

Grants for creative and innovative projects in which communities, along with their arts and design organizations, seek to improve quality of life; foster stronger community identity; encourage greater creative activity; and revitalize economic development. Guidelines at:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>. Webinars on

**November 6 and 13, 2012** at noon PST. Visit:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/November-webinars.html>

#### **GMSP 2013 Scholarships**

Deadline: January 16, 2013

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMSP), funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander

American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. To learn more, visit [www.oup.org/funding/other\\_funding.asp](http://www.oup.org/funding/other_funding.asp).

#### **Intertribal Timber Council Scholarships**

Deadline: January 18, 2013

Scholarships for college students and graduating high school seniors who want to pursue education in Natural Resources.

See attached flyer for details.

#### **AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2013**

Deadline: January 23, 2013

Grant making for fiscal year 2013 in six focus areas: (1) Disaster Services; (2) Economic Opportunity; (3) Education; (4) Environmental Stewardship; (5) Healthy Futures; and (6) Veterans and Military Families.

[http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/2013\\_state\\_national\\_competitive\\_notice.pdf](http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/2013_state_national_competitive_notice.pdf),  
and

[http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_nofa\\_id=98#FAQ](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=98#FAQ)

AmeriCorps is hosting information calls for Tribes. Please send your questions to [americorpsgrants@cns.gov](mailto:americorpsgrants@cns.gov). All calls will be recorded.

Tribe Call Date: Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM (EDT)

Number: 888-568-0395

Passcode: 5280366

Tribe Call Date: Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM (EDT)

Number: 888-568-0748

Passcode: 2394503

#### **Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program (Commerce EDA)**

Deadline: On-going

Up to \$100K to assist eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=189193>

#### **Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance (Dept. Energy)**

Deadline: On-going

Free technical assistance to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, and other organized groups and communities—including Alaska Native villages or regional and village corporations—with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Typically limited to 40 hours and may include, renewable



energy technology information, renewable resource information, energy efficiency techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning and training. Download the attached technical assistance request form, fill it out and submit it to [tribal@go.doe.gov](mailto:tribal@go.doe.gov).

## 9. WEB RESOURCES:

- **Green Organizational Accreditation** pilot program supports HUD grantees and affordable housing organizations in achieving portfolio-wide improvements. The vision of this initiative is to enable organizations to institutionalize sustainability and achieve higher levels of performance of the management of their housing portfolios. Accreditation will differentiate organizations that seek to implement green building and operational best practices, build capacity of staff, track and measure building performance effectively over time, realize significant improvements in health and energy efficiency, and achieve exemplary cost savings. Registration for accreditation will open on November 8, 2012. Visit <http://spi.force.com/hud>.
- A new [Children's Environmental Health module](http://www.cdc.gov/ephtracking) is now available on the CDC Tracking Network. This module brings together data and information already on the Tracking Network related to children's health. Specific topics in this module include asthma, some childhood cancers, lead poisoning, some developmental disabilities, and socioeconomic conditions. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/ephtracking>.
- U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) newly redesigned Tribal Energy Program website at <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/index.cfm>. Navigate quickly to information and resources including:
  - [Funding opportunities](#) for tribal energy projects
  - Existing [energy projects](#) on tribal lands
  - The [Guide to Tribal Energy Development](#)
  - Upcoming tribal energy [trainings](#)
  - Information on requesting [technical assistance](#) for an energy project
  - The Tribal Energy Program Help Desk

10. ONAP Program Guidance. [View online](#)

11. PIH Notices. [View online](#)

## ATTACHMENTS:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

November 1, 2012

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2012

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As the first people to live on the land we all cherish, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage. Today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society -- from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield. This month, we celebrate and honor the many ways American Indians and Alaska Natives have enriched our Nation, and we renew our commitment to respecting each tribe's identity while ensuring equal opportunity to pursue the American dream.

In paying tribute to Native American achievements, we must also acknowledge the parts of our shared history that have been marred by violence and tragic mistreatment. For centuries, Native Americans faced cruelty, injustice, and broken promises. As we work together to forge a brighter future, we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of our past. That is why, in 2009, I signed a bipartisan resolution that finally recognized the sad and painful chapters in our shared history. My Administration remains dedicated to writing a new chapter in that history by strengthening our government-to-government relationship with tribal nations while enhancing tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination.

Because we know that the best ideas for tribal nations come from within, my Administration has continued to engage tribal leaders in developing an agenda that respects their expertise on matters affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives. In collaboration with tribal nations, we are making critical investments to improve health and education services, create jobs, and strengthen tribal economies. In July, I was proud to sign the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act into law, which will enhance tribal control over the leasing of Indian lands. Last December, I signed an Executive Order to expand educational opportunities for Native American students. It aims to preserve Native languages, cultures, and histories while offering a competitive education that prepares young people to succeed in college and careers. And under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Safe Indian Communities initiative, we are continuing to work with tribes to build safer communities. My Administration also supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Many longstanding Native American legal claims against the United States have been resolved, which will help accelerate the

restoration of trust in our relationships with tribal nations. The settlements that came out of these claims -- including the historic *Cobell* and *Keepseagle* settlements, as well as more than 50 settlements in cases alleging Federal mismanagement of tribal trust funds and resources -- will put an end to decades of litigation and help drive economic development in tribal communities in the years to come.

In partnership with tribal nations, my Administration has addressed injustices and built new avenues of opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives. As we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month, let us move forward in the spirit of mutual understanding and mutual trust, confident that our challenges can be met and that our shared future is bright.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 23, 2012, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

BARACK OBAMA

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## HUD's Office of Native American Programs Training Announcement

# Environmental Review Training



### Overview

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), HUD provides grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance to Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program. Grantees receiving funds under this program are responsible for meeting the requirements of NAHASDA and its implementing regulations.

### Training

Learn the ins and outs of environmental review! This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. As we answer questions common to the environmental review process, tribes will be encouraged to share advice and best practices, to help you avoid common pitfalls!

**NEW**

### NAIHC Leadership Institute Development Management Certification

**NEW**

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), in cooperation with the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), will offer students the option to take an examination for Leadership Institute credit after completing the ONAP sponsored Environmental Review trainings below. Students who receive a passing score will earn credit under NAIHC's Leadership Institute Development Management Certification Track and will be issued a certificate of completion.

Additional information can be found at the link below. NAIHC charges a \$299 fee to take the examination for credit under the Leadership Institute curriculum. The fee is payable in advance to the NAIHC. Students who the pass the examination will receive credit under the NAIHC Leadership Institute Development Management Certification Track and will be issued a certificate of completion.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- For information, please visit <http://registration.firstpic.org> or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400 or [jpotter@firstpic.org](mailto:jpotter@firstpic.org).
- Registration for the ONAP workshop is FREE. The cost for the certification exam is \$299.

#### Session 1:

October 2-4, 2012  
(ONAP Course)  
October 5, 2012  
9am-12pm (LI Exam)  
Seattle, WA

#### Session 2:

October 30-November 1, 2012  
(ONAP Course)  
November 2, 2012  
9am-12pm (LI Exam)  
Denver, CO

#### Session 3:

December 4-6, 2012  
(ONAP Course)  
December 7, 2012  
9am-12pm (LI Exam)  
Albuquerque, NM

**SAVE  
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DATE!**

#### Session 4:

January 8-10, 2013  
(ONAP Course)  
January 11, 2013  
9am-12pm (LI Exam)  
Anchorage, AK

#### Session 5:

February 26-28, 2013  
(ONAP Course)  
March 1, 2013  
9am-12pm (LI Exam)  
Oklahoma City, OK





# Greener Homes Regional Training

## Creating Energy Efficient, Comfortable & Healthy Tribal Homes



*As tribal communities invest in greener homes, the need to determine just how well these homes are performing in the areas of low energy consumption, comfort, indoor air quality, and costs becomes more essential. This 2-day workshop will provide strategies to address these questions. Data collection techniques to assess indoor air quality, air infiltration, and efficient energy use will be presented, along with cost analysis of how energy-efficient homes compare to the traditional energy consuming home. The session will also introduce the ultimate performing sustainable house - the net zero energy home as well as key energy cost reduction measures for upgrading inefficient buildings.*

**Who Should Attend:** Housing Directors, Maintenance Supervisors, Project Developers, Housing Construction Specialists, Planners, Housing Commissioners, Architects, Resident Service Advisors, Tribal Energy Specialists, and Tribal Utility Staff.

**Course Objectives:** The goal of this training session is to provide tools for tribal housing entities to measure and determine how well their green buildings are performing by providing techniques on data monitoring and collecting, and cost benefit analysis. This session will also introduce the grid tied net zero energy home, rainwater gardens and collection, alternative renewable energy technologies, and key energy cost reduction measures for upgrading inefficient buildings.

### **New! SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY TRAINING New!**

Sustainable Construction training is a 1-day workshop held the day after the Greener Homes Regional Trainings. See below for hotel information. Participants may register for either workshop or both workshops. Sustainable construction offers tribal communities many benefits: control over energy costs, more durable and healthy housing, lighter environmental footprint. But how can you move from an inefficient home to having an overall energy efficient and sustainable housing stock? This workshop uses real-life examples to offer information on benchmarking and modeling, smart retrofit choices, and opportunities to leverage funds with utility companies.

## Schedule

**December 11-12, 2012 (Greener Homes)**  
**December 13, 2012 (Sustainable Construction)**  
The Skirvin Hilton  
One Park Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
1-405-272-3040  
Hotel Cut-off Date: November 26, 2012  
Group Code: HUD

**February 12-13, 2013 (Greener Homes)**  
**February 14, 2013 (Sustainable Construction)**  
Albuquerque Marriott  
2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
1-800-228-9290  
Hotel Cut-off Date: January 28, 2013  
Group Code: HUDFEB2013

**Hotel and Travel Arrangements:** Attendees are responsible for arranging and covering costs associated with their own travel and lodging. Make arrangements before the indicated cut-off dates to take advantage of group rates.

**Registration and Logistical Information:** Registration is FREE. Register and receive information for the trainings online at <http://registration.firstpic.org>. For further information please contact Pillar Lee by phone at 202-393-6400 or by email at [plee@firstpic.org](mailto:plee@firstpic.org).



REGISTRATION BROCHURE

# PROMISES TO KEEP IN CHALLENGING TIMES

2012 National Rural Housing Conference

**Housing Assistance Council**

December 6–7, 2012

Pre-Conference Activities December 5

Hyatt Regency Washington, Capitol Hill





# REGISTER NOW

## FOR THE 2012 NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING CONFERENCE



Scan this image using a QR Reader (<http://gettag.mobi>) on your smart phone to register online quickly and securely, directly from your phone!

### Promises to Keep in Challenging Times

#### ABOUT HAC

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) is a national nonprofit corporation established in 1971 to increase the availability of decent and affordable housing for rural low-income people. HAC provides below-market financing, technical assistance, training, research, and information services to the for-profit, nonprofit, and public sectors. HAC is governed by a 27-member board of directors. Board members include representatives of private industry, government, and public and nonprofit housing agencies at the national, state, and local levels. HAC is an equal opportunity lender.

Register online at [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org)

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## BE INSPIRED

### LEARN INNOVATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Conference workshops and training sessions are organized in five learning tracks: Creating Affordable Housing Opportunities, Strengthening Organizational Capacity, Resources to Support Affordable Housing, Innovative Approaches and Current Housing Policy Issues, and USDA Section 502 training. (See workshop descriptions on pages 5-10.) Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in targeted learning series (listed on page 4). Network with fellow practitioners from across the country, hear policy and program updates from USDA and HUD staff, learn effective community outreach and client management strategies, and share proven affordable housing development tips and techniques.

## PROMISES TO KEEP IN CHALLENGING TIMES

### REMEMBERING PROMISES AND BUILDING TOWARD THE FUTURE

This year the conference theme -- *Promises to Keep in Challenging Times* -- brings to mind the vision and promises America has made through the Housing Act of 1949 and all subsequent housing legislation and policy. These promises of quality affordable housing, are still vitally important. But the country continues to face a difficult fiscal situation with many questions or concerns about what can be done to protect affordable housing in the future, particularly in rural areas. Keeping the vision and promises is important, not just to increase the quality of life for low-income Americans, but also to build stronger and more sustainable communities as a whole.

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For rural nonprofits, the conference provides an excellent opportunity to not only learn critical skills but also network and improve their connection to federal agencies and national nonprofit organizations. For many of the attendees, this conference represents their sole opportunity during the year to connect with these important policy makers and experts.

In order to provide as many organizations as possible with this opportunity, HAC continually strives to lower registration costs for this event so local organizations with limited funding are still able to attend. Your contribution will be used to lower costs for all participants and improve the overall conference. Donate online at [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012donor](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012donor).

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# CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 05

9:00am–8:00pm **REGISTRATION/INFORMATION**  
 9:00am–4:30pm **SECTION 502 TRAINING**  
 10:00am–5:00pm **PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**  
 6:00pm–8:00pm **KICK-OFF RECEPTION**

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6


7:00am–7:00pm **REGISTRATION/INFORMATION**  
 10:30am–4:30pm **SECTION 502 TRAINING**  
 8:00am–10:00am **OPENING PLENARY**  
 10:30am–12:00pm **MORNING WORKSHOPS**  
*A1 Housing the Elderly*  
*A2 Addressing the Challenges of Rural Homelessness for Veteran's and Families*  
*A9 Overview of Drinking Water and Wastewater*  
*B1 Survival of the Fittest: Tools for Tough Times*  
*B2 Staffing Needs of an Organization – Recruitment, Development, Retention*  
*C1 Partnering with Philanthropy*  
*C2 Fee for Service: A Revenue Generating Strategy for Nonprofits*  
*D1 Housing Counseling*  
*D2 A New Direction for Manufactured Housing*  
 12:00pm–2:00pm **LUNCHEON PLENARY**  
 2:30pm–5:30pm **AFTERNOON WORKSHOP**  
*A3 From Paper to Projects: Overview of Successful Rural Affordable Housing Development*  
*A4 Green Acquisition Rehab/Resale*  
*B3 Building Blocks for Board Development\**  
*B4 Connecting your Nonprofit in the Digital Age*  
*B9 Septic System Basics for Homeowners, Community Leaders, Planners, and Realtors*  
*C3 Measuring the Impact of Rural Housing Development*  
*C4 Recent Changes to the HOME Program*  
*D3 Innovative Construction Technologies:*  
*D4 Sustainable Communities*  
 6:30pm–10:00pm **RURAL HOUSING AWARDS BANQUET**


## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7


7:00am–7:00pm **REGISTRATION/INFORMATION**  
 10:30am–4:30pm **SECTION 502 TRAINING**  
 8:00am–10:00am **BREAKFAST PLENARY**  
*HUD and USDA: The Nuts and Bolts*  
 10:30am–12:00pm **MORNING WORKSHOPS**  
*A5 Renting is a Two Way Street*  
*A6 Preserving Rental Housing*  
*B5 Financial Management and Compliance*  
*B6 Advocacy for Rural Housing*  
*C5 Alternative Financing Sources*  
*C6 Rural Development's Sect. 502 and Sect. 504*  
*C9 Homeownership and Home Repair Programs for Veterans and Seniors*  
*D5 Green Affordable Homes and Job Creation*  
*D6 Growing Smart and Staying Rural*  
 12:00pm–3:00pm **LUNCHEON PLENARY**  
 3:30pm–6:00pm **AFTERNOON WORKSHOP**  
*A7 Surviving the Transition to Energy Star 3.0\**  
*A8 Construction Management*  
*B7 Business Planning for Successful Nonprofits*  
*B8 How to Utilize Census Data to Advocate\**  
*C7 Let's Get Fiscal!\**  
*C8 Financing Affordable Rental Projects*  
*D7 Aging in Place:\**  
*D8 Housing as Economic Development\**  
*D9 Keeping Water Wells Safe*

**\* Workshop will run for 1.5 hours**

## LEARNING SERIES


 Green Building Workshops  
C2, A4, D5, A7

 Self-Help Housing  
A9, B9, C5, D9

 Native American Housing  
A2, A3, D5, B7

 Senior Housing  
A1, A3, A6, C8

 Veteran Housing  
A2, D1, C9, C8

 Rental Housing and Preservation Workshops  
A1, A3, A6, C8

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

### MORNING WORKSHOPS

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

#### **TRACK A– STRATEGIES AND METHODS FOR DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

##### **A1–Housing the Elderly: Keeping Our Promise to Rural Seniors**

Rural America has a large and growing senior population, but also often lacks housing resources and capacity. In fact, most federal housing programs for the elderly have been cut in this current period of budget austerity. How are organizations meeting the growing need while adjusting to changes in HUD and USDA programs? Learn more about changing demographics, policy and advocacy at this workshop.

##### **A2–Beyond the Four Walls: Addressing the Challenges of Rural Homelessness for Veterans and Families**

Housing is one of “the” most critical elements of survival. Never has there been a more concerted effort to address homelessness issues facing our Nation’s Veterans, children and families. Through this workshop, participants will explore the unique challenges faced by rural communities as well as innovative approaches, strategies, models and methods being utilized in rural communities to respond to those challenges.



**HAC Board Member Representative Bennie Thompson (MS) opens the 2010 Conference with his keynote address.**

### **MORE INFO ON THE CONFERENCE AND ONLINE REGISTRATION**

For more on HAC’s 2012 National Rural Housing Conference visit [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org).

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#### **A9–Overview of Community Drinking Water and Wastewater Services**

As a homeowner or developer of affordable housing, it is important that you are aware of how the vital services of drinking water and wastewater are provided in your community. This presentation will use non-technical language to explain drinking water and wastewater treatment and delivery. For drinking water, both ground water and surface water systems will be reviewed; for wastewater, centralized and onsite systems will be described. Information will be given on career opportunities in the water and wastewater industry, which offers secure employment with benefits, opportunities for advancement, and a sense of service to the community.

#### **TRACK B– MANAGING EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS**

##### **B1–Survival of the Fittest: Tools for Tough Times**

During tough economic times nonprofit housing organizations may feel squeezed between rising demands and falling resources. In order to survive, and thrive, your organization must be proactive in assessing and accepting the new economic reality and seek new opportunities wherever they may arise. Join us as we discuss how nonprofits can realign – from scaling back programs, to partnering with other agencies, to merging organizations. We’ll address a variety of approaches for nonprofit housing organizations of all shapes and sizes.

##### **B2–Staffing Needs of an Organization – Recruitment, Development, Retention**

Finding and keeping skilled staff can be a challenge – the statistics related to executive departures are startling, with an estimated 65 to 70 percent planning to retire in the next five to ten years. A panel of experts will share career development tools, succession planning, self-help and coaching, tapping into the existing talent in your community and providing learning opportunities for current staff members. Furthermore, panelists will also

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share information on dynamics of successful staffing and nurturing the next generation of rural housing and economic development leaders.

## TRACK C- FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### C1-Partnering with Philanthropy

Foundations, corporations and faith-based institutions have long been a source of support for affordable housing, but rural areas have gotten less. Is that getting better or worse? How do we keep up or acquire new support? How does rural America attract more philanthropy? Funders and other experts will provide their insights and advice, as well as describe their programs.

### C2-Fee for Service: A Revenue Generating Strategy for Nonprofits 🌱

Presenters in this workshop will discuss how nonprofit organizations can generate revenue by requesting or requiring payment for services and products. The workshop will cover examples of “fee for service” models, implementation strategies and case studies from around the country.

## IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DEADLINES

### October 24

- Deadline to register for Section 502 training

### November 9

- Deadline for Early Registration
- Deadline to submit Scholarship Application
- Deadline to request Pre-Conference Meeting space

### November 13

- Deadline to make hotel reservations

### November 13

- Deadline to pay HAC any balance due for registration
- Deadline to submit dietary and other special requirements



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## TRACK D- INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND CURRENT POLICY ISSUES

### D1-Housing Counseling: Emerging Trends ⭐

Panelists will discuss emerging issues and trends for the housing counseling industry. Topics will include regulatory and policy updates on the implementation of the new Dodd/Frank Act counseling requirements for low income and first time home buyers as well as addressing foreclosure challenges and prevention programs that can help distressed homeowners including assistance for veterans.

### D2-A New Direction for Manufactured Housing: How far have we come? Where do we go from here?

Manufactured homes have been an important source of housing in the United States for more than a half-century. As this unique form of housing continues to evolve, so does its delivery into rural markets. Over the past decade there has been a concerted effort by several entities to develop a manufactured housing “done right” model. National organizations, philanthropic foundations, and community based nonprofits are rethinking the way manufactured homes are built, sold, financed, and placed. What progress has been made as a result of this initiative, and what are the continued challenges with manufactured housing in rural America? The session will include a discussion on state of the manufactured housing industry, finance markets, nonprofit development, park preservation, resident rights, legislative initiatives, and regulatory developments for manufactured housing.

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

### TRACK A– STRATEGIES AND METHODS FOR DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### A3–From Paper to Projects: Overview of Successful Rural Affordable Housing Development 🏠🏡🏘️

This session will provide an overview from veteran builders, including how to nail down the concept, inspect feasibility, assemble the money, cement construction, and deliver renters or homebuyers.

#### A4–Green Acquisition Rehab/Resale 🌱

This workshop is intended for organizations undertaking an acquisition for resale. It will discuss new green technics in rehabilitation of existing units. Topics to be covered include: acquisition, health and safety issues, work write-ups, cost estimates, and constructions. Also, new materials and technics will be introduced and discussed.

### TRACK B– MANAGING EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

#### B3– Building Blocks for Board Development\*

A successful nonprofit organization must have a responsible and engaged board of directors. This workshop will address fundamental nonprofit governance concepts including: board members' roles and responsibilities, board policies, and financial and legal oversight.

#### B4–Connecting your Nonprofit in the Digital Age

Does every organization need a Facebook page? Is Twitter right for your organization? Is your website effective, or do you need help building it? And how can rural organizations take advantage of the internet when broadband access is so spotty? Join a panel of experts that can answer these and many other questions. This interactive workshop will give you the chance to develop a digital marketing strategy that fits the needs of your organization.

#### B9–Septic System Basics for Homeowners, Community Leaders, Planners, and Realtors

This presentation will explain, in non-technical terms, how to select the appropriate onsite wastewater treatment system – siting, types of systems, their costs, operations and maintenance. The impacts of onsite wastewater (septic) systems on watersheds and well-water quality will be discussed as well as management options.



The Section 502 Packaging Training (page 13) provides experienced nonprofits with detailed training on this important USDA RD program.

### TRACK C– FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### C3–Assemble the Parade and Drum up Enthusiasm: Measuring the Impact of Rural Housing Development

Many of us know the value of our work in the community. Investors and supporters think they know the value of your work in the community but it is much more powerful when we can show it. Having an established method to collect and assess data that measures this value is a powerful tool. Participants will learn to anticipate which types of data they should collect, how to collect it and assess it and how to use it to improve productivity and show off their accomplishments.

#### C4–Recent Changes to the HOME Program

This workshop will explore the recent changes to the HOME Program including the eCon Planning Suite and reduced formula allocations. Panelists will discuss how the recent changes have impacted funding decisions, operating procedures, and the effect on rural communities. Best practices will illustrate how Participating Jurisdictions and Community Development Housing Organizations have adapted to effectively meet their community needs, including

housing needs of Veterans, seniors and families.

## JOIN THE NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING CONFERENCE GROUP ON LINKEDIN

HAC has created a group for the conference on LinkedIn, a popular social networking website. This group will host discussion forums for attendees around workshop topics, focus areas, potential networking and serve a general meeting place before the meeting begins. Go to [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org) for more information and to join.



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## TRACK D– INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND CURRENT POLICY ISSUES

### D3–Innovative Construction Technologies: New and Proven Existing Technologies, Materials and Construction Alternatives

This session will provide updates on new construction technologies, ma-

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terials and passive solar systems.

Adobe and straw bale construction

continue to be affordable regional alternatives. Panelists will discuss new and proven and affordable construction technologies, including manufactured housing alternatives in a new energy efficient and green environment.

### D4–Sustainable Communities: Rural Perspective, Effective Strategies and Tools

‘Sustainable communities’ has as much meaning for rural and tribal communities as it does in urban and suburban areas. Come learn what this term and livability principles mean in a non-metro context. Learn from HUD, USDA and rural/tribal communities that have planned and implemented effective strategies, and used an array of tools for local stakeholders to determine how they want their communities and regions to be connected, viable and thrive. Key topics include: economic opportunity, transportation, housing, communications and public engagement, and broadband.ress has been made as a result of this initiative, and what are the continued challenges with manufactured housing in rural America? The session will include a discussion on state of the manufactured housing industry, finance markets, nonprofit development, park preservation, resident rights, legislative initiatives, and regulatory developments for manufactured housing.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

### MORNING WORKSHOPS

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

#### TRACK A– STRATEGIES AND METHODS FOR

## DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### A5–Renting is a Two Way Street

Do you struggle to find responsible tenants? Would you like to have a better relationship with your current tenants? Have you thought about implementing a renter education program? A strong tenant education program can help address your concerns by providing current and potential tenants with guidance on their responsibilities. Come hear from practitioners who provide practical education to help renters to both acquire and keep decent housing. The program reviews tenant responsibilities and the advantages to be gained from viewing the landlord-tenant relationship as mutually beneficial. In addition to reviewing the curriculum the presenters will also provide details on program administration and funding.

### A6–Preserving Rental Housing in Challenging Times for Families and Seniors

Resources for updating and preserving USDA-financed rentals are shrinking but tenants, the majority of whom are elderly, still need their affordable rural rental homes. Panelists will discuss strategies for preservation in the current economic climate. The workshop will include examples of some recent successful preservation efforts.

## TRACK B– MANAGING EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

### B5–Financial Management and Federal Compliance Issues for Nonprofit Organizations

Financial management is the constant process of tracking progress towards financial objectives and safeguarding the financial assets of an organization. Financial management is important to grantees and project sponsors administering federal programs for several reasons: it helps organizations budget for activities; it promotes sound and efficient operation of the organization and its programs; it serves the need for accountability to funding agencies and beneficiaries of the program(s); and it is required by law. This workshop will provide practical recommendations on managing program budgets by illustrating examples of best practices and financial tools needed to effectively manage grants and contracts. Financial management standards for governmental and nonprofit organizations (found in 24 CFR Parts 85 and 84) which include requirements and standards for internal controls, budget controls, accounting controls, and procurement will also be reviewed.

### B6–Advocacy for Rural Housing

Making our case to policymakers and regulators has never been more important in this era of budget cuts and austerity. This workshop will feature both legislative staff and housing advocates, sharing their expertise and insights on how affordable housing practitioners can make the best case in the policy arena.

## TRACK C– FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### C5–Alternative Financing Sources: Obtaining Loan Fund Capital for Rural Housing Projects

Sequestration and budget cuts may affect some federal programs. Building affordable housing requires creative and alternative financing sources. This workshop will explore how organizations can leverage critical financing from CDFI's, CDE's, and Intermediaries to develop their rural housing projects. Participants will be provided an overview of financial products, eligibility criteria, and the process for applying for funding.

### C6–Banking on USDA: Rural Development's Sect. 502 and Sect. 504 Financing for Homeownership and Repair

Presenters in this workshop will discuss how nonprofit organizations can generate revenue by requesting or requiring payment for services and products. The workshop will cover examples of "fee for service" models, implementation strategies and case studies from around the country.

### C9–Homeownership and Home Repair Programs for Veterans and Seniors ★

Many rural veterans, especially seniors, own their homes but may need help with repairs and upkeep. Some may need new homes. Lacking financial resources and physical capacity, other older persons also need such help. Nationwide almost 1.5 million nonmetro homes are in moderately or severely substandard condition. In this session, national and local nonprofits will describe their successful repair and homeownership programs that serve veterans and the elderly.

## TRACK D– FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### D5–Building Green Affordable Homes and Job Creation 🏡🌱

Presentation will be by non-profits and tribal entities that build green affordable homes and have created jobs around construction. Presentation will have examples of what organization are doing such as YouthBuild, Solar Panel installation and other workforce training.

### D6–Growing Smart and Staying Rural: Incorporating Smart Growth Principles into Rural Housing and Communities

Smart growth, a planning principle that concentrates on growth in compact, walkable centers, is often thought of solely in the urban context. In this workshop, learn how rural communities across the nation have shaken this notion and incorporated smart growth principles that maintain their rural character and protect their natural and working lands into planning their housing developments and communities.

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

## TRACK A– STRATEGIES AND METHODS FOR DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### A7–Surviving the Transition to Energy Star 3.0\* 🌱

Green, energy efficient housing is everyone's goal; but, maintaining affordability is a growing challenge to many nonprofit developers. Join us as we provide an overview of the new requirements under the EPA's Energy Star Version 3.0 and hear ideas and strategies from a panel of nonprofit developers who are successfully navigating the new requirements and increasing the affordability of their units. Topics will include cost savings through construction materials and methods, new subsidy source ideas, and more.



**HAC includes several interactive elements in the conference, such as this map of all attendees from across the U.S.**

### A8–Construction Management: Cost Estimating to Construction Coordination and Inspections

This workshop is intended for organizations undertaking an acquisition for resale. It will discuss new green technics in rehabilitation of existing units. Topics to be covered include: acquisition, health and safety issues, work write-ups, cost estimates, and constructions. Also, new materials and technics will be introduced and discussed.

## TRACK B– MANAGING EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

### B7–Business Planning for Successful Nonprofits 🏡

This workshop will cover the how to's of business planning, along with

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the benefits and examples of successful business plans for small and large nonprofits. Presenters from small and large nonprofits will share how their organizations use business planning to attract and retain competent staff, attract diverse funding sources and deliver needed services to the community.

## **B8–Making the Case: How to Access and Utilize Census Data to Effectively Advocate\***

One's position is only as strong as the information he or she uses to support it regardless of how worthwhile the endeavor. Making the case for housing assistance in rural America is no different. Understanding and presenting housing data effectively is a key element of advocating for those in need. The Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS), which provides annual census-tract level estimates of demographic, housing, economic and other important community characteristics, is a powerful tool that all advocates should be familiar with. This workshop will help familiarizing one with how to access data as well as present ways that the data can be used to most effectively advocate for rural housing needs.

## **TRACK C– FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **C7–Let's Get Fiscal!\***

Let's Get Fiscal is not your typical fundraising workshop. Designed to energize and empower participants with greater resource development confidence and efficacy, Let's Get Fiscal includes an in-depth, real-world approach to successful fundraising from a rural nonprofits point of view. Let's Get Fiscal covers a broad range of information from the basic fundamentals of successful fundraising to unique and distinctive fundraising campaign ideas designed to get participants engaged and ready to fundraise! Don't miss this opportunity to build your organization's fundraising muscle!

### **C8–Financing Affordable Rental Projects** 🏠 ★

This workshop will explore the recent changes to the HOME Program including the eCon Planning Suite and reduced formula allocations. Panelists will discuss how the recent changes have impacted funding decisions, operating procedures, and the effect on rural communities. Best practices

will illustrate how Participating Jurisdictions and Community Development Housing Organizations have adapted to effectively meet their community needs, including housing needs of veterans, seniors and families.

## **TRACK D– INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND CURRENT POLICY ISSUES**

### **D7–Aging in Place: Housing and Services for a Growing Elderly Population\*** 🏠

So you've heard about the growing senior population. You have begun or expanded development, preservation, and repair programs for elderly housing. But is that enough? For seniors to age in place they need services. Can your organization provide both the housing and services? Hear from your peers on how they did it and why it is important.

### **D8–Affordable Housing as Economic Development: How Housing People Can Lead to a Stronger Economy\***

Affordable housing can do more than provide safe, secure homes to those in need. Communities have been able to maximize their housing infrastructure projects to create a better quality of life for their residents, while also creating a stronger local economy. Learn about how affordable housing projects can be used to strengthen economic development and mixed-use projects in rural settings.

### **D9–Keeping Water Wells Safe: Guidance for Owners**

This workshop will inform homeowners and developers of affordable housing who use private wells on what is necessary to assure and maintain safe water quality, including: determining household needs; selecting a well driller and what to expect during construction and testing of your well; water-sampling techniques; interpreting test results; developing a plan to mitigate contamination problems; correcting poor well design; addressing equipment failure; making equipment upgrades.



**The Conference provides an excellent opportunity for networking with fellow participants**

\* Workshop will run for 1.5 hours



# RURAL HOUSING AWARDS BANQUET

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, HAC will acknowledge rural housing leaders whose efforts have led to improved housing in rural America. The Cochran/Collings Award for Distinguished Service in Housing for the Rural Poor honors individuals who have provided outstanding and enduring service, with national impact, for the betterment of housing conditions for the rural poor. The Skip Jason Community Service Award recognizes individuals whose efforts have improved the housing conditions of the rural poor in their communities. There is still time to nominate someone who has made a difference in your work. For more information, contact Lilla Sutton at HAC, [lilla@ruralhome.org](mailto:lilla@ruralhome.org), 202-842-8600 ext. 113.

## NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The Cochran/Collings Award for Distinguished Service in Housing for the Rural Poor honors individuals who have provided outstanding and enduring service, with national impact, for the betterment of housing conditions for the rural poor, with emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural areas.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Skip Jason Community Service Award recognizes people whose efforts have improved the housing conditions of the rural poor in their communities. The award acknowledges people who work “in the trenches” and usually go unrecognized outside their communities.



For more information, go to [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org) or contact [lilla@ruralhome.org](mailto:lilla@ruralhome.org)



# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## HOTEL

*All attendees are responsible for arranging their own accommodations.* A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill** located at 400 New Jersey Avenue Northwest, Washington, D.C., at the federal per diem rate (single room), excluding taxes. This rate will be available for conference participants on or before November 13. You can make a reservation at this rate by clicking on the convenient **Hyatt Regency Washington reservations link** on HAC's web site at [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org). If you prefer, you can make your reservation by calling 202-737-1234 before November 13 and letting the agent know you are with the Housing Assistance Council.

After November 13, reservations will be accepted on a space- and rate-available basis only. This room block will sell out, so please reserve your room as soon as possible. All room cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance directly with the Hyatt Regency Washington to avoid penalties.

## ROOMMATES

HAC is maintaining a roommate list to help participants reduce conference expenses. If you would like to have your name and contact information shared with other registrants, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. *Conference attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.*

## PAYMENT

Register by November 9 to save money and help secure your workshop choices. Registration includes all workshops and plenary sessions, all conference materials, two breakfasts, two lunches, all breaks, a networking reception, and the awards banquet. If you are requesting a scholarship, please register online at [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org). For fast processing, submit registration with payment or credit card authorization. Registrations will not be processed until payment is received.

## REFUND POLICY

There is a \$50 cancellation fee. Refunds will be granted if a written request is submitted and received by HAC on or before November 20. After November 20 no refunds will be granted but substitute registrants are welcome. There are no refunds for no-shows.

*All travel arrangements are the full responsibility of the conference registrant.*

## TRAVEL TO CONFERENCE

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (4.7 miles), Dulles International Airport (27.6 miles), and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (30.6 miles) service the Washington, D.C. area. The following transportation options are available.

### From Ronald Reagan National Airport

<b>Taxi</b>	Taxis are available outside the baggage claim area; fare is approximately \$20 (10-20 min.).
<b>Metro (Subway)</b>	Take the Yellow/Blue line from the airport to the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop. Transfer to the Red line toward Glenmont to Union Station (2nd stop). Hotel is located three blocks from the Union Station Metro Stop. Fare is approximately \$2.05-\$3.70 (30 min.).
<b>Shuttle*</b>	Approximate fare is \$14 one-way.

### From Dulles International Airport

<b>Taxi</b>	Taxis are available on the lower level outside baggage claim. Fare is approximately \$60 one-way (50-60 min.).
<b>Shuttle*</b>	Approximate fare is \$26 one-way.

### From BWI/Thurgood Marshall Airport

<b>Taxi</b>	Taxis are available on the lower level outside baggage claim. Fare is approximately \$63 (1 hour).
<b>MARC Train</b>	This is a commuter train from BWI to Union Station, which is three blocks from the hotel. Approximate cost is \$7 one way. The MARC train runs weekdays only. For complete schedules and fares visit <a href="http://www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc/">www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc/</a> .
<b>Shuttle*</b>	Approximate fare is \$37 one-way.

### From Union Station / Amtrak

<b>Metro (Subway)</b>	Hotel is located 3 blocks away. Follow exit signs to get to the front of Union Station Washington, DC. Take E Street (between the semi-circle of flags) to the intersection of E Street, NW and New Jersey Ave, NW. The hotel will be directly in front of you
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**\* Shuttle reservations can be made by calling 800-Blue-Van (800-258-3826) or online at [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship funds are available to cover registration costs for representatives of community-based organizations who would otherwise be unable to attend the conference. Scholarship applications will only be accepted through online registration. Please **register online** at [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012). Scholarship applications must be received at HAC on or before November 8. HAC will cease awarding scholarships once funds are no longer available, so apply early. HAC will award multiple scholarships to staff from the same organization depending on the availability of funds. Travel scholarships may also be provided, if available.

## EXHIBIT SPACE

Exhibit space is limited. Exhibitor fees are \$500 for nonprofit organizations and \$750 for all others. Exhibitors will be provided with a 6' x 2 1/2' skirted table. To obtain exhibitor information and a registration form, please call 202-842-8600 ext. 127 or visit HAC's Conference donation website at [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012donor](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012donor) and complete the exhibitor form there.

## PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING SPACE

Groups wishing to convene meetings on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 should contact Dan Stern, Conference Coordinator by November 5 at 202-842-8600 ext. 137 or [dan@ruralhome.org](mailto:dan@ruralhome.org) regarding space availability. Space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### MORE INFO AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

For more on **HAC's 2012 National Rural Housing Conference** visit [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org).

### REGISTER ONLINE AT

[www.regonline.com/nrhc2012](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012)



[dan@ruralhome.org](mailto:dan@ruralhome.org)



(202) 842-8600 ext. 137

## SECTION 502 PACKAGING TRAINING FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

This three-day advanced course covers USDA Rural Development's Section 502 Direct Loan Program and provides invaluable insight as to how this homeownership financing resource can be utilized. Learn how to assist potential borrowers and work in partnership with RD staff, as well as other nonprofit organizations and regional intermediaries to deliver successful Section 502 loan packages. This course is intended for and specifically framed for those experienced in utilizing Section 502. Participants will learn regulations and practical applications of the loan program, while developing a strong understanding of 502 direct underwriting and packaging standards. Following the course, participants are encouraged to take the online certification exam. Plan to arrive on Tuesday, December 4. Bring your laptops



# REGISTRATION FORM

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Register online at [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012)! HAC accepts all forms of payment online including credit cards, checks, purchase orders, and scholarship applications.

Please complete one form per person. We encourage you to register online at [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org). If you use a hard copy of the form to register, please photocopy for additional attendees. Confirmations will be sent via e-mail for paid registrations received by November 14.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.REGONLINE.COM/NRHC2012](http://WWW.REGONLINE.COM/NRHC2012)**

## ABOUT YOU

Name	
Title	Organization
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone, Fax	Email, website

### Conference Role (check all that apply)

☐ Conference Sponsor

☐ Participant

☐ Exhibitor

☐ Speaker / Moderator

If speaker/moderator, specify Session(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENTS

Check all conference events you plan to attend. All events are included in the conference registration fee.

☐ Kick-Off Reception, Wednesday, Dec 5

☐ National Rural Housing Coalition Lunch, Thursday, Dec 6

☐ Rural Housing Awards Banquet, Thursday, Dec 6

☐ Final Lunch Plenary, Friday, Dec 7

## CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of scholarships to cover registration expenses are available for conference attendees. Attendees wishing to apply for a scholarship must register for the conference online at [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012). Please note that only representatives of nonprofit community-based organizations may apply for scholarships. All presenters are entitled to a registration scholarship.

Scholarship applications are only accepted online at [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012). If you have difficulty accessing the internet, contact Dan Stern (202) 842-8600.

## WORKSHOPS

Indicate the workshop number of your first choice for each time period. Your preferences will help determine room size needs. See pages 4-11 for workshop numbers and descriptions.

### WEDNESDAY (insert workshop number)

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 502 Training

### THURSDAY (insert workshop number)

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 502 Training

\_\_\_\_\_ Early, 10:30 – 12:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Late, 2:30 – 5:30

### FRIDAY (insert workshop number)

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 502 Training

\_\_\_\_\_ Early, 10:30 – 12:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Late, 2:30 – 5:30

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## MEALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

The main conference includes all breaks, two continental breakfasts, one sit-down breakfast, two luncheons, the kick-off reception, and the rural housing awards banquet. There is a \$85 per person fee for additional tickets for the awards banquet.

### Check all that apply.

☐ Share my name and contact information with other conference attendees who are looking for hotel roommates.

☐ I require vegetarian meals.

☐ I require Special Assistance (HAC will follow up to clarify).

If you have other special needs or dietary requirements, please contact HAC at 202-842-8600 ext. 137 or via e-mail at [dan@ruralhome.org](mailto:dan@ruralhome.org) by November 8, 2012.

## FEE SCHEDULE

**Early Bird** (register by Nov 9)      **Regular** (register after Nov 9)      **Total**

Registration (check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit	\$395	\$435	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit	\$450	\$500	\$
Exhibitor Fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization	\$500		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Organization	\$750		\$
Additional Award Banquet Tickets	\$85 each x ____		\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>			<b>\$</b>

Register online at [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org). HAC accepts all forms of payment including credit cards, checks, purchase orders and scholarship applications.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Check or money order, payable to the Housing Assistance Council, is enclosed – Check # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Invoice is needed

☐ Charge my credit card

☐ Amex

☐ MasterCard

☐ Discover

☐ Visa

Credit card #

Name on card

Cardholder signature

### Mail completed registration and payment to:

HACs 2012 National Rural Housing Conference  
Housing Assistance Council  
1025 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 606  
Washington, DC 20005

### or fax with purchase order or credit card information to:

202-347-3441

Or visit [www.regonline.com/nrhc2012](http://www.regonline.com/nrhc2012) to register and pay online.



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# HUD's Green Academy: Training Courses Offered in Energy Efficiency and Green Building

**Announcing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Green Academy!** HUD's "Green Academy" is offers green building training to HUD grant recipients and other affordable housing organizations receiving HUD assistance. Registration is now open for training at sites across the country.

## Why Attend HUD's Green Academy?

You should attend HUD's Green Academy if you are interested in learning how to:

- Increase the health and energy efficiency of your affordable housing portfolio;
- Reduce operating expenses while preserving water and energy;
- Finance green and energy efficient improvements; and,
- Achieve healthier, safer and more efficient buildings.

## Available Training Courses

The following training courses are available through HUD's Green Academy.

**You may register for one or multiple courses.**

» **Introduction to Energy Efficiency and Green Building for Affordable Housing** (1 ½ days) is an introductory course that provides training and knowledge on how best to incorporate green building energy efficiency practices and applicable regulations and incentives that support energy efficiency and green building practices. This course serves as HUD's "core curriculum" in energy efficiency and green building.

» **Executive Decision Making** (½ day) provides an overview of key decisions tha needed to optimize green practices in your affordable housing organization. This course is aimed at Executive Directors and senior managers who are responsible for decision-making about new construction, rehabilitation, operations, and maintenance of affordable housing.

» **Best Practices for Green Building Operations & Maintenance** (1 day) provides practical information specific to building operations and maintenance including best green building practices and regulatory requirements and how these best practices and requirements can be incorporated into the day-to-day work.

» **Financing Energy Efficiency and Green Building** (1 day) provides a review of applicable regulations and a detailed look at incentives and financing options for projects or policies that integrate energy efficiency and green building practices.

» **Energy Performance Contracting for Small Housing Authorities** (1 day) covers financing and incentives for Energy Performance Contracts for small PHAs, including the importance of a comprehensive energy audit, and a review of applicable regulations , with the goal of supporting substantial energy savings through cost-effective improvements using energy conservation measurement and validation tools and techniques.

**Who is eligible?** These courses are open to all HUD grantees and affordable housing organizations receiving HUD assistance. Priority will be given to prime and sub-recipients of HUD funding.

**What does it cost?** HUD's Green Academy courses are available at no cost to all eligible participants (travel costs not included).

## Find a training course near you:

To register and for more information, visit: <http://www.sustainable-performance.org/HUDGreenAcad>.

## Registration is now open for the following trainings:

Cleveland, OH	October 29- Nov 2, 2012	Columbus, OH	January 14-18, 2013
Detroit, MI	November 5-9, 2012	Houston, TX	January 14-18, 2013
Pittsburgh, PA	December 3-7, 2012	Los Angeles, CA	January 28- Feb 1, 2013
San Francisco, CA	December 4-7, 2012	Albuquerque, NM	January 28- Feb 1, 2013
Salt Lake City, UT	December 10-14, 2012	Boise, ID	February 4-8, 2013
Newark, NJ	December 10-14, 2012	New York, NY	February 4-8, 2013
Hartford, CT	January 14-18, 2013	Bozeman, MT	February 11-15-2013

## About HUD's Affordable Green Initiative

HUD's Affordable Green Initiative is a provides energy efficiency and green building tools and resources to HUD grantees and affordable housing organizations receiving HUD assistance. Participants may receive training, technical assistance at no cost.



# HUD Green Accreditation Pilot

## Accepting Applications November 8<sup>th</sup>



HUD's Affordable Green Initiative is a pilot program to support HUD grantees and HUD-assisted affordable housing organizations in achieving portfolio-wide energy efficiency and green building improvements in their portfolios. Working with a limited number of early adopters, the vision of the initiative is to enable organizations to institutionalize sustainability and achieve higher levels of performance of the management of their housing portfolios.

This initiative will recognize HUD-assisted affordable housing organizations that seek to implement green building and operational best practices, build capacity of staff, track and measure building performance effectively over time, realize significant improvements in health and energy efficiency, and achieve exemplary cost savings.

### What is being offered?

Registration for accreditation will open on November 8, 2012. The accreditation process includes: orientation, assessment, technical assistance, review of goals, policies, and practices; and ultimately an award of the HUD green organizational accreditation to qualified organizations. Participants will be expected to complete the program in 2013.

### What is addressed by accreditation?

This initiative will complement existing green certification programs that focus on certifying buildings or individuals; this initiative focuses instead on organizational transformation and effective portfolio management. The program addresses the two key aspects of sustainability, Portfolio Management and Organizational Effectiveness:

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### Portfolio Management

- Outcomes & Metrics
- Long-Term Planning
- O&M, Continuous Improvement
- Rehabilitation
- New Construction

### Organizational Effectiveness

- Commitment, Goals & Planning
- Infrastructure & Support
- External Relationships
- Outcomes & Metrics

### Who can participate?

The no-cost pilot program can serve up to 100 organizations, to be selected on a first-come first-served basis. Eligible participants include PHAs, CHDOs or other HUD housing partners that have implemented or are seeking to implement energy management programs and green building and management practices.

### Who will Provide the Accreditation?

Sustainable Performance Institute (SPI), a private third-party accreditation provider, has partnered with HUD to offer affordable housing organizations the chance to become accredited under a customized, performance-based system.

### How can I get more information?

To learn more, contact [hud@sustainable-performance.org](mailto:hud@sustainable-performance.org). You may also request a copy of the slides and Q&A from informational webinars held on October 17 and 22.

# HUD Green Technical Assistance Program

## Accepting Requests October 29<sup>th</sup>

HUD's Affordable Green Initiative is a new, pilot initiative to provide sustainability and green building tools and resources to HUD grantees and affordable housing organizations. Participants may receive training, organizational accreditation, and/or technical assistance at no cost. The third component of this initiative, the Green Housing Technical Assistance (TA) Corps is comprised of experts on energy efficiency and green building to deliver direct technical assistance to HUD stakeholders to incorporate green building and energy efficiency practices in their daily operations and maintenance, and in new construction, rehabilitation, and retrofit projects.



### What is being offered?

A three-week technical assistance request period will open on October 29 – November 16, 2012. Eligible grantees and partners can request technical assistance by completing an online technical assistance request form at [spi.force.com/HUD](http://spi.force.com/HUD).

### What can be addressed by technical assistance?

- Diagnostic Assessments/Measurement & Verification
  - Portfolio benchmarking for existing stock
  - Energy audit protocols for existing residential properties
  - Implementing Green Physical and/or Capital Needs Assessments
  - Pre- and post-retrofit measurement and verification
- Green Design, Specifications/Construction Review
  - Integrated Design
  - Green specifications for rehabilitation and new construction
  - Expertise in HUD's Energy Efficiency Standards and Guidelines
  - Whole-system approach to green rehab/retrofits
- Green Operations and Management (O&M)
  - Best practices in green property maintenance
  - Maintaining healthy indoor environments
  - Resident engagement approaches to decrease tenant energy use
- Energy Performance Contracting for PHAs and Multifamily Property Owners
- Financing
  - Leveraging private or public sources of funding
  - Utilizing HUD subsidy and/or incentives for green/energy efficiency
  - Alternative leasing or financing options
- Renewable Energy
  - Incorporating and adopting renewable energy technologies in existing or planned projects, including, but not limited to, geothermal energy, Combined Heat and Power, and photovoltaic and thermal solar energy

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### Who can participate?

Eligible participants include – PHAs, CHDOs, local governmental entities, other HUD-supported multifamily housing providers, owners, and property managers that have implemented or are seeking to implement energy management programs and green building and management practices.

### How can I get more information?

Please contact [hud@sustainable-performance.org](mailto:hud@sustainable-performance.org) for additional information.



# HUD's Office of Native American Programs Training Announcement Indian Housing Plan (IHP)/ Annual Performance Report (APR)



## Overview

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), HUD provides grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance to Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program. To be eligible for the grants, recipients must submit an IHP that meets the minimum requirements of the Act.

Effective in Fiscal Year 2012 recipients are now required to submit the IHP to HUD at least 75 days prior to the start of their 12-month program year. The APR is due no later than 90 days after the end of the recipient's program year. The IHP and the APR (previously two separate forms) is now combined into one form. The new form was required starting July 18, 2011 as follows:

Recipient Program Year Beginning	IHP Submission Deadline
October 1, 2012	July 18, 2012
January 1, 2013	October 18, 2012
April 1, 2013	January 16, 2013
July 1, 2013	April 15, 2013

## Training

Participants at this training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the newly combined IHP/APR form. In addition to a walk-through of the new automated form, participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. All grantees are encouraged to attend this training.

## REGISTER TODAY!

- For additional information and to register, please visit <http://registration.firstpic.org> or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400.
- Government rate is available at the hotel until the designated cut-off date listed below.
- Registration for this workshop is FREE!

### Session 1:

December 4-6, 2012  
Westin Seattle  
1900 Fifth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
1-888-627-8513  
Hotel Cut-off Date:  
November 19, 2012  
Group Code: HUD

### Session 2:

January 8-10, 2013  
Hyatt Regency Phoenix  
122 N Second Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
1-602-252-1234  
Hotel Cut-off Date:  
December 21, 2012  
Group Code: HUD

### Session 3:

January 15-17, 2013  
Sheraton Downtown Oklahoma City  
1 North Broadway Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
1-800-325-3535  
Hotel Cut-off Date:  
January 2, 2013  
Group Code: FirstPic





# Intertribal Timber Council

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## Scholarship Announcement For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

**Deadline:** January 18, 2013, 5:00 p.m. PST

**Award:** \$2,000 for college students (number of awards varies per year)  
\$1,500 for graduating senior high school students

**Purpose:** The **Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program** is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources.

**Required Material:** The Education Selection Committee will review and rank only those applicants who completely address each area. Please be specific. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Letter of Application:** The letter must include your name, permanent mailing address, email address if available, and phone number. It should be a maximum of two pages in length, and discuss the following:
  - a. Interest in natural resources.
  - b. Commitment to education, community and your culture.
  - c. Financial need. Students who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should attach the Student Aid Report or have the report sent to the ITC office. If it has not been completed, send last year's report.
2. **Resume**
3. Three signed **letters of reference**, on letterhead and dated within the last six months.
4. **Evidence of validated enrollment** in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation, as established by the U. S. Government. A photocopy of your enrollment card, front and back, or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) will suffice.
5. **Transcripts:** ALL students must include transcripts.
  - High school students must also provide documented proof of acceptance to an institution of higher education and a review of college class schedule to verify major before a check is released.
  - College students must also provide proof of their declared major.

All requested information **MUST** be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.PST) **January 18, 2013** for consideration. For more information, please visit our website [www.itcnet.org](http://www.itcnet.org). Fax (503-282-1274) and e-mail ([itc1@teleport.com](mailto:itc1@teleport.com)) submissions are acceptable as long as we receive them by 5:00 p.m. January 18, 2013, and the original is mailed and postmarked by January 18, 2013.

Inquiries and applications should be directed to the Intertribal Timber Council office:

ATTN: EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL  
1112 N. E. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 4  
Portland, Oregon 97232-2114  
(503) 282-4296

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington and Salish Kootenai College. Recipients of the ITC Truman Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these two colleges. For more information, visit the ITC website or contact the colleges directly.

### TRUMAN D. PICARD (1946-1986)

To honor Truman D. Picard the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) established a scholarship program in his name. Truman served on the ITC Board of Directors from 1982 to 1985. While working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colville Agency (Nespelem, Washington), in presales he attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University becoming one of the first people from the agency to complete this program. In 1977, Truman transferred to the Colville Tribal Forestry organization taking a position as Supervisory Forest Technician in charge of woods operations. Later he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations.

Because of his drive and determination to complete his education Truman returned to Oregon State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management.

Upon his return from college, he was appointed Director of Colville Tribal Forestry. His work for the Tribe will always be remembered by his individual efforts to bring BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry together in a joint effort to improve the level of Forest Management on the reservation – truly a lasting legacy.

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## HUD's Office of Native American Programs Training Announcement

# NAHASDA Essentials



### Overview

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### Training

This exciting and interactive three-day training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics that will be covered include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration.

This foundational course will acquaint tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training will be presented through case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures and hands-on exercises.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- For additional information, please visit <http://registration.firstpic.org> or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400.
- Registration for this workshop is FREE!

## SAVE THE DATE!

#### Session 1:

September 26-28, 2012  
Duluth, MN

#### Session 2:

October 30-November 1, 2012  
Seattle, WA

#### Session 3:

November 13-15, 2012  
Anchorage, AK

#### Session 4:

February 5-7, 2013  
Albuquerque, NM

#### Session 5:

March 5-7, 2013  
Denver, CO



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# TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT: RADON, WEATHERIZATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY

3-Day workshop on radon and indoor air quality for single family and multi-family remodels and new homes. The workshop will consist of both classroom and hands-on activities. Topics will include:

- Radon Resistant New Construction
- Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality
- Codes and Specifications
- Energy Efficiency and Weatherization
- Crawlspace and Concrete Slab Mitigation

**NOVEMBER 27-29th, 2012**

**9 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Spokane Tribal Longhouse-Wellpinit, WA**

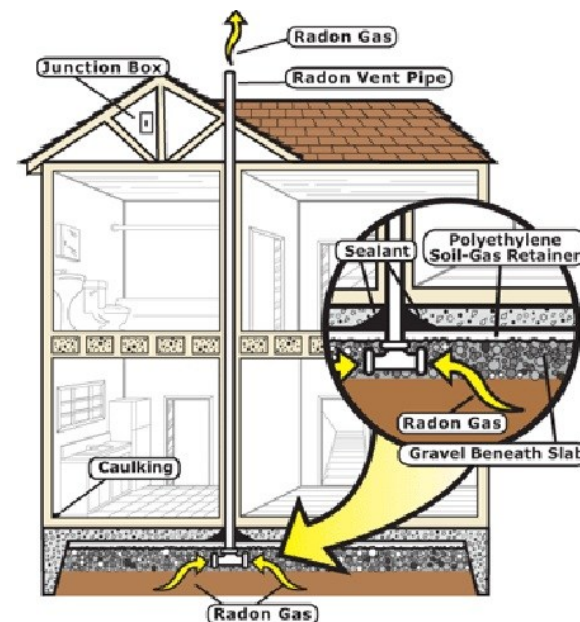
## QUESTIONS & REGISTRATION:

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# SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

## ASSESSING CONVENTIONAL-BUILT AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS



### TRAINING OVERVIEW

This special one-time training, to be held at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, will expand on HUD's upcoming Sustainable Construction training series. The training dates are November 27-29, 2012. Sustainable construction offers tribal communities many benefits: control over energy costs, more durable and healthy housing, and a lighter environmental footprint. But how can you move from an inefficient home to having an overall energy-efficient, sustainable housing stock?

This 2 ½-day workshop uses real-life examples to offer information on benchmarking and modeling, smart retrofit choices, opportunities to leverage funds with utility companies, and neighborhood sustainability. This training will also feature a tour of the new Sunrise Acres housing, developed by the Akwesasne Housing Authority and may include an optional tour of a hydropower project visitors' center.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Tribally designated housing entity and tribal staff including housing directors, maintenance supervisors, project developers, housing construction specialists, planners, housing commissioners, and tribal energy specialists.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the workshop is **FREE**. Register and receive information for the training online at: <http://registration.firstpic.org>. Attendees are responsible for arranging and covering the costs associated with their own travel and lodging.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact FirstPic, Inc. by phone at **202-393-6400** or by email at [plee@firstpic.org](mailto:plee@firstpic.org).

### HOTEL INFORMATION

For attendees who need lodging a special rate of **\$77** per night has been contracted with the Comfort Inn. Please make reservations by **November 13, 2012**. Reservations made after this date will be subject to the hotel's current guest room rates.

#### November 27-29, 2012

Comfort Inn

865 State Route 37

Hogansburg, NY 13655

1-518-358-1000

Hotel Cut-off Date: November 13, 2012

Group Code: FirstPic





# Energy & Weatherization Update

News You Can Use

October 2012

## Tribal Housing Assistance Team

"Working Together to Enhance Northwest Tribal Housing"

### Special points of interest:

- Energy Savings
- Holiday Savings
- Peer-to-Peer Training
- Weatherization Coordinators contact info

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## Turning Up the Heat on Energy Savings Conference Overview and Follow Up

On May 15, 2012, the Washington Department of Commerce, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, USDA Rural Development, and HUD's Northwest Office of Native American Programs teamed up to host, "Turning Up the Heat on Energy Savings" that was held in Olympia, WA. Workshop topics focused on a Train-the-Trainer session on Energy Savings for Families, Coordinating Weatherization with Home Improvement Upgrades, Resources for Energy Savings Programs, and Creating Energy Efficient Workforces.

In response to the feedback received from your conference evaluation forms, we've put together this newsletter to address some of the comments and suggestions that were raised. Topping the list of suggestions, were more tribal specific weatherization best practices and peer to peer learning opportunities. Additionally, the topic of weatherizing mobile homes was raised which we've explored in more detail on page 4.

We appreciate the time you took to share your comments with us. We will continue working with our team members and partners on this important initiative to decrease energy usage and improve the overall health and comfort of homes.



## Jessica's Energy Savings Techniques

Jessica Raker of Northwest SEED has been presenting the Consumer Conservation Education Train-the-Trainer training for the tribes in Washington through a grant from the Department of Commerce. Tribes now have staff members in their housing department or energy assistance department who are trained to present the sessions for staff or community members. If you need assistance in locating the trainer at your tribe you may contact Eunice Herren, Tribal Liaison for Weatherization at [eunice.herren@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:eunice.herren@commerce.wa.gov) (360) 725-2949, or Jessica Raker at [jessica@nwseed.org](mailto:jessica@nwseed.org) (206) 267-2213.

The training manual can be found on the Commerce website at Community Services and Housing Division.

Jessica presented the training for participants at the *Turning up the Heat on Energy Conservation* workshop May 15<sup>th</sup> in Olympia. She provided these useful tips that are easy for anyone to use:

- Control your thermostat – set it between 65 and 68 degrees in the daytime. Set it back to 60 degrees at night.
- Reduce drafts and air leaks – install rope caulk, door sweeps, and weather-stripping
- Set water heater to 120 degrees
- Control the flow of your wa-

ter – install low-flow showerheads and sink aerators, fix leaky faucets and water pipes

- Change your furnace filter regularly
- Set refrigerator temperature between 36 and 40 degrees
- Turn off lights when not in use; use compact fluorescent bulbs in high use areas
- Keep the range-top burners and reflectors clean
- Consider using a microwave oven for small meals
- Wash laundry in cold water when possible
- Double spin laundry to use less drier time
- Keep the drier lint filter free of lint after each load



Don't flush your precious dollars down the drain!

## Save Energy over the Holidays

The holiday season is generally a big time for energy use, but that doesn't mean it has to be that way. Here are 14 ways to save energy (and money) during the holidays:

### 1. Switch to LED Lights

LED lights use 90% less electricity than regular decorative string lights, and can be purchased for around \$10 a strand.

### 2. Use Fiber Optic Decorations

Fiber optic trees and decorations are the ultimate in energy efficiency. In most cases, they use a single light bulb located in the base of the unit to light the entire decoration – now that's energy smart and budget smart!

### 3. Limit the Time Lights are On

Wait until dark to turn on your Christmas lights; then, turn them off before you go to bed. Six hours or less of daily use is a good goal to aim for. Do you have trouble remembering to turn your lights on and off? Then, set a timer, and forget about it.

### 4. Turn Off Room Lights When the Tree is Lit

The lights on your Christmas tree should provide more than enough lighting to navigate around the room and eliminate the need for extra lighting.

### 5. Decorate with Candles

Christmas lights are nice, but so are candles. Set up luminaries along your walkway and lit

candles throughout your home to achieve a beautiful holiday glow, without adding to the electric bill.

### 6. Turn the Thermostat Down When You Have Guests

Extra bodies in the house means extra warmth at no cost to you.

### 7. Buy Gifts that Don't Use Electricity or Batteries

According to [energyquest.ca.gov](http://energyquest.ca.gov), 40% of all batteries are purchased during the holiday season. That's a lot of money spent on batteries, and a lot of energy used! Make a pledge to buy energy-free gifts, and skip the expense entirely.



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## Andy's Tales from the Trenches

Andrew Etue's mantra is "Do it right, do it for the right reason, and do it right the first time."

The role of the Commerce inspector is to check the work of the program inspection to ensure quality work within program requirements. Our inspectors like to find work completed that doesn't require corrections. Having to go back

to make corrections to the work costs time and money for the program and causes additional disruption to the home's residents.

Weatherization programs funded by Commerce require Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified auditors and inspectors, which is a national certification about building

diagnostics. However, experience has shown that BPI certification does not guarantee the auditor/inspector has the level of skills required for determining what energy conservation measures should be installed, and how to correctly install the measures. It's therefore important to continue to hone those skills through co-training and hands on application.

## Eunice Herren is Retiring! We'll Miss You!



Eunice Herren is the Weatherization Tribal Liaison in the Housing Improvements and Preservation Unit (HIP) of State of Washington, Department of Commerce. She coordinates with tribes and local weatherization service providers to increase service delivery to Native Americans. Prior to working with Commerce, Eunice had more than 20 years' experience working with tribes and organizations serving Native Americans.

Steve Payne, Managing Director, Housing Improvements & Preservation, Department of Commerce announced Eunice's upcoming retirement, "As many of you are aware, Eunice has announced she will be retiring from the Department of Commerce after 12 years with the agency at the end of October 2012. Eunice's personal experience with Native American culture proved invaluable as we explored ways to increase service delivery to Native American households. Eunice brought passion and commitment to the position, as well as a calm determination to guide and facilitate both tribal entities and local agencies for better coordination and collaboration. She developed our first tribal weatherization program, coordinated innovative competitive proposals, built a strong foundation for serving Native American households, and provided technical assistance and quality improvements along the way."

Please join us in thanking Eunice for her invaluable contributions to state-wide weatherization services!

## Can this Home be Saved?

It's not easy to tell by looking at the outside if a house can be weatherized, unless the answer is "no" because the house is visibly in severe disrepair. Determining if a house is eligible for weatherization requires an audit by an experienced qualified professional. The audit will indicate what weatherization and air sealing measures are needed, what health and safety measures are required, and what repairs must be made before installing weatherization measures. The Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program isn't a repair program and doesn't include funding for anything except small repairs required for protection of the weatherization measures. A house in need of repair must be deferred until repairs are made.

Tribal Weatherization programs coordinate with their housing departments to get the repairs completed. Local agency programs may coordinate with tribal housing departments to repair houses for tribal members before the local agency does the weatherization.

### Tribal Low-Income Weatherization programs

Commerce provides funding for four tribal weatherization

programs through performance based contracts and an RFP process. Tribal proposals are selected based on capacity to administer the program, number of housing units, and geographic location which may make it difficult to be served by local agencies. The tribes establishing successful weatherization programs have been willing to invest time and patience to learn building sciences unique to weatherization as well as additional funding to support the program. They've dedicated attention to the management and administration of the program. A key factor in their successes is that these tribes have developed their own program thoroughly before reaching out to others. Tribes have a unique opportunity to impact the housing on their reservations by incorporating weatherization sciences into their housing repair and new construction programs.

The sustainable tribal low-income weatherization programs funded through Commerce are the Yakama Nation Housing Authority Weatherization Program, the Spokane Indian Housing Authority Weatherization Program, the Makah Tribal Housing Department Weatherization Program and the South Puget Intertribal

Planning Agency (SPIPA) Weatherization Program. Each of these tribes has a unique community, climate, and housing needs. Please contact them for their stories about the challenges and successes of developing their program.

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As an added resource for tribes, Commerce supports weatherization training through the Building Performance Center in Bellingham Washington. If your tribal program is interested in this training, please contact Donn Falconer.



## October is Energy Awareness Month

Do your part to save energy by incorporating some of our Energy Savings tips into your household!

Check out these Energy Innovators:

[www.waptac.org/](http://www.waptac.org/)

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**8. Invest in Rechargeable Batteries and a Charger** If you buy or receive gifts that require batteries, consider purchasing rechargeable batteries and a charger. Recent advancements have made rechargeable batteries better than ever.

**9. Buy Energy Star Electronics** Energy Star certified electronics – TVs, DVD players, VCRs and cordless phones – use up to 60% – less electricity than their non-certified counterparts. Visit [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) for a list of qualifying models, and shop smart.

### 10. Take a Walk to See the Christmas Lights

Leave the car in the driveway this year when you go out to look at Christmas lights. A walking tour of your neighborhood will be just as fun, and won't use any gas.

### 11. Bake Several Dishes at a Time

The holiday season is a big time for baking. Make the most of your oven and the energy that goes into heating it, by cooking several dishes at once. Remember: it takes the same amount of energy to heat a full oven as it does a nearly-empty one.

### 12. Use the Smallest Appliance to Get the Job Done

Use your microwave and toaster oven for small holiday cooking tasks, and save the oven for big cooking tasks.

**13. Keep Lids on Pots** Foods cook faster and use less energy with the lid on.

**14. Unplug Phantom Energy Users Before You Go On Vacation** TVs, DVD players, computers, printers, radios and many other electronics use energy even when they aren't turned on. Unplug these items before you go on vacation, and enjoy the energy savings.



## Introducing Innovations in Manufactured Homes

Manufactured housing accounts for a considerable subset of the affordable housing market in the United States at a time when millions of Americans are in search of practical alternatives to high-cost homes. Over 17.5 million Americans live in manufactured housing. In response to these challenges, CFED engages and connects strong nonprofit, private and public partners across the country, supports two national social ventures to create scalable solutions to these market gaps and develops strategies to shape related local, state and national policies.

### The I'M HOME Approach

Since 2005, CFED and a select group of national partners including the Ford Foundation, ROC USA®, Next Step®, NeighborWorks® America, NCB Capital Impact, and Fannie Mae have worked to unlock manufactured housing's potential through the Innovations in Manufactured Homes (I'M HOME) initiative. The goal is to transform manufactured homes into valuable family assets offering the opportunity to build equity and achieve economic security. The basic hypothesis underlying I'M HOME is that holistic improvements across four strategic areas will enable owners of manufactured homes to take advantage of factory-built housing's affordability while also having the opportunity to build wealth in a way that more closely resembles the experi-

ence of owners of site-built housing.

The four goals are:

- To build new high-quality manufactured homes and replace outdated homes
- To address the challenges facing residents in manufactured housing park communities
- To advocate for public policies that help owners of manufactured homes
- To facilitate, develop and provide access to fair and responsibly-priced mortgage financing

Of particular interest to Tribes is the focus on weatherization and home replacement work that I'M HOME has focused on through research and partnerships that provide best practices on tried and true techniques and innovations.

With an increased focus on training in manufactured home weatherization techniques, the New Hampshire Community Action Agency weatherization crews were able to reduce the man hours spent to weatherize homes by 20%. The result was a cost savings for the program and a cost savings to the families of approximately \$1,250 in electricity and heating costs per year. This is just one of many examples of best practices highlighted by I'm HOME.

To learn more about CFED's Innovations in Manufactured Homes initiative, please check out their website at: [http://cfed.org/programs/innovations\\_manufactured\\_homes/manufactured\\_housing\\_advocacy\\_center/manufactured\\_housing\\_toolkit/index.html](http://cfed.org/programs/innovations_manufactured_homes/manufactured_housing_advocacy_center/manufactured_housing_toolkit/index.html)

### Mobile Home Weatherization Methods

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, key financial revenue for many states and municipalities resulted in a greater focus on addressing the need to reduce energy consumption and increase green jobs. This in turn resulted in the weatherization of homes for families who end up paying more for utility costs than they do for rent with new attention given to weatherizing mobile homes.

The Weatherization Assistance Program Technical Assistance Center has step-by-step training modules on how best to weatherize mobile homes that can be found at: [www.waptac.org](http://www.waptac.org). These in depth modules address the challenges, cost factors, and innovative approaches that crews can utilize in their every day work.

You Tube also has a number of Mobile Home Weatherization Training videos that walk crew members through the process to determine duct leaks, insulation of sidewalls, and roof, along with ventilating the home for good air intake.

This particular video located at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rk-kobUMpfY> captures a training course in Michigan that focused on increasing the energy efficiency of the mobile home.

While there may be some upfront costs involved in getting a mobile home weatherization program off the ground, the energy savings and improved health outcomes for families make it a great investment in families and communities.



Photo courtesy of the US Department of Energy

**Did You Know?** Mobile homes built before 1976 consume 1.5 to 2 times more energy than a site-built home. **Why?**

- Low thermal mass (thin and poorly insulated floors, walls, and ceilings).
- Conductive materials (metal window and door frames).
- Large open areas and penetrations in the floor system.
- High surface-to-floor area ratio.
- Poor duct design, components, and installation.
- "High surface-to-floor area ratio" means that all sides of a mobile home are exposed to ambient conditions.
- Site-built homes have basements, slabs, or crawl spaces to buffer them from the elements.

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## Housing Washington 2012

### Tribal Housing Assistance Team Hosted Breakfast

October 17, 2012  
7:00 a.m.—8:15 a.m.  
Tacoma Convention Center  
Room 407

### Featuring

Makah's Sail River Heights Pro-  
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Housing Director

### Special Guest Speakers

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## **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

*An introduction to exploring  
program approaches and options  
for Native youth*

### **OVERVIEW:**

This informative training will provide information to Tribally designated housing entity (TDHE) staff, tribal leaders, community representatives, and youth development professionals who wish to:

- Explore the feasibility of starting, promoting, and sustaining youth development programs in Indian Country
- Gain an understanding of the organizational relationships between TDHEs, tribal organizations, and national youth development organizations
- Review HUD and other funding sources to support establishing a local youth development program to serve Native American youth
- Learn from the experience of existing youth development programs which are successfully serving the needs of Native American youth to benefit the community

**NOTE:** There is no registration fee for this workshop. Tribes may use Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds to cover travel-related expenses.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Tribal leaders  
TDHE staff  
Community representatives  
Youth development professionals

### **UPCOMING TRAININGS:**

**November 14-15, 2012**

Hyatt Regency  
Albuquerque, NM

**December 3-4, 2012**

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Oklahoma City, OK

### **TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE:**

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